

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 4-8, 14-19 and 23-27 remain in this application. By this amendment, Claims 4-8, 14-19 and 23-27 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding final Office Action, Claims 4-8, 14-19 and 23-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. The advisory action of August 14, 2008 withdrew the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, based upon the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed July 30, 2008.

Responsive to the rejection of Claims 4-8, 14-19 and 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter, Claims 4-8, 14-19 and 23-27 have been amended. The claims now recite a method (Claim 4) or an apparatus (Claims 5-8, 14-19 and 23-27) for generating a computer readable user identification number of a colluder who has made a collusion attack on a computer readable content. Thus, the claims are directed to some practical method or apparatus of producing a beneficial result or effect. They are thus directed to a useful, tangible and concrete result as defined in MPEP § 2106.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 4-8, 14-19 and 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that Claims 4-8, 14-19 and 23-27 be found allowable.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

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